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SUBJ: EDITORIAL REACTION IN THESSALONIKI NEWSPAPER TO
TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER'S REPORTED PROTEST TO NATO

REF THESSALONIKI 0240

1. PARA ONE REFTTEL CITED MAY 10 EDITORIAL BY ELIAS KYROU
OF THESSALONIKI'S CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER ELLINIKOS VORRAS
IN WHICH HE WAS CRITICAL OF TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER ISIK
FOR ALLEGEDLY "PROTESTING" TO NATO OVER GREEK REARMAMENT.
SUBSTANCE OF KYROU'S REMARKS REPORTEDLY BASED ON "INFORMATION
FROM LONDON" AS INDICATING THAT ISIK HAD ADDRESSED HIMSELF
TO NATO TO PROTEST AND CALL ATTENTION TO FACT THAT GREECE
ENGAGED IN ARMAMENT ACTIVITY.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LONDON, ANKARA OR
USMISSION NATO COMMENTS ON THIS ALLEGED PROTEST TO NATO
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BY ISIK. IT PERHAPS REPRESENTS OVERSTATEMENT BY KYROU
OF ISIK COMMENT APRIL 3 IN SPEECH BEFORE MIXED BUDGET

COMMITTEE TURKISH PARLIAMENT WHEREIN HE REPORTEDLY NOTED
IT AS STRANGE THAT "ALLIANCE DISCUSSIONS OF ARMS THREAT
AND FORCE REDUCTION TO NOT FOCUS ON THE BALANCE OF POWER
AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE" AND ADDED FURTHER THAT
"THE APPETITE FOR AN ARMAMENTS RACE SHOULD NOT BE WHETTED
AMONG THE ALLIES" (ANKARA 2566). IF LONDON, ANKARA OR
NATO AWARE ANY OTHER STATEMENT BY ISIK WHICH
COULD CONSTITUTE A "PROTEST TO NATO", EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE INFORMATION SOONEST. TASCA

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